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KANSAS IN THE SAME TROUBLE.

There seems to be no exception to the rule that people want to get to town. Kansas is worrying about its rush to the cities. Ten years ago 34 per cent of its population lived in the cities; now it is 39 per cent, and still increasing.

Even in periods when the total population of the State actually shrank, the urban population increased steadily; the country steod all the loss and more. The towns go right on thriving and bragging about it; the country loses, because, chiefly, the farmers have got so well fixed that they can afford to live in town.

The State's secretary of agriculture declares that the farm operated by its owner is now the exception. Of course, the tenant farmer does not do as good work nor maintain the establishment so well. Bad agricultural tendencies result, and the consuming public pays the freight.

THE PORT ARTHUR OF TODAY.

her farthest outpost on the perpetually open seas. meter statements. The world did not dare attempt to take it from her, and she made a Gibraltar of it. It is not difficult to recall when there was widespread belief that it actually was more powerful to resist attack than Gibraltar itself; and perhaps, modern conditions of siege considered, it was,

At any rate, the challenge which the world dared not take up, Japan did, and Port Arthur is now Japanese. As a military and strategical point it has ceased to be of any importance. Japan needs no such establishment as Russia built there. It has no justification for commercial importance, and therefore commercially has shrunk constantly since Russia turned it over to the Japanese.

Today, the town is an emporium of dealers in war relics. Curious travelers go thither during their tour of the Orient, and they find monuments on the heights whose names were familiar to the world in the news dispatches during that fearful year of the not be marvelous if minor departmental executives, war for Manchuria. The demolished forts have been taking their cue from Congress, would assume that left in most cases as when the city was surrendered, nobody under this Administration was going to take save that the great works on Tiger Hill, guarding the civil service law very seriously. Ever since the the entrance to the harbor, have been restored."

Thither the genius of the Japanese has bethought itselfs to bring great numbers of Japanese youth for toward the civil service has been apparent. ion. Schools, subsidized by the government, The Democrats are not entitled to bear all the occupy foundations on which Russian churches once blame. Neither party has been straightforward in its sirt, I am in a fierce situation. stood, or cement bases constructed for military works. In these surroundings, typifying the great national glory of their empire, the youth are taught their lessons of patriotism and devotion.

NEW CURRENCY WORK.

Now that the new currency measure has become a law the general opinion in the commercial and financial world among not only Democrats and Progres sives, but Republicans, seems to be that the act is a very good one and will be of great benefit to this country. This chorus of praise now, when only the the other day there was much damning in many quarters, shows that politics had a great deal to do with the varying attitudes toward the currency measure when it was in the process of legislation.

There never ought to have been a bit of politics system which everybody wanted; but though there consideration. was a great deal of politics about this thing before the passage of the bill-though perhaps it was impossible to keep politics out then-there can't be any politics in the matter now without its being equivalent to a crime against the industry and business of to avouch the entire accuracy of that list, but it does AFGHANISTAN VERSUS, LANHAM, the country and against the bread and butter of the know that it was prepared with great care and with a

States to make the best of it until a more perfect substantially all, of them being to the advantage of cudgels in behalf of Lanham. measure could be substituted for it. That's what we members of one party and the disadvantage of memall did before, when we had a very imperfect system bers of another, then the plea of doing these things necessary, and its remoteness from the under which to work, and taking the record as a in the interest of efficiency needs careful examination. Mexican border and the House of Repwhole, the country did wonderfully well with it, poor There is a great population of civil service people times. citizen to get on the job.

a help to business; so let's start doing business. We sured of treatment according to merit and deserts. don't even have to wait for a New Year's resolution then it can be set down as certain that extensive on the subject. We can begin now.

INDIANAPOLIS' CHEAP GAS.

vides only artificial gas to its customers. So do the it; unless the underlying devotion of the country to We are endeavoring to apprehend the two Washington gas companies. .

The Washington Gas Company charges 85 cents net per thousand feet. The Indianapolis company,

Is there any good reason for such a discrepancy?

tion of its general rate from 60 to 55 cents. It advertised its new schedule of rates in the newspapers of that city. From the advertisement some excerpts are here presented, because they ought to interest Washington most decidedly.

Especially should they interest, and they are called to the attention of:

The Public Utilities Commission.

The District Committees of House and Senate.

The entire membership of Congress. The citizens' associations of the District.

Is Washington never to get fair and considerate reatment from any public utility, short of forcing public ownership of these establishments?

It ought to be possible for the managers of the local utilities to realize that this is the alternative. Unless they show a disposition to deal fairly with the community, they will see public ownership soon. Read these observations from the Consumers'

Gas Company's Christmas-gift advertisement to the people of Indianapolis, and think it over:

Reduction in gas rates-Beginning January 1, 1914, the following schedule of gas charges will be in effect:

1. First 50,000 cubic feet to a single consumer through a single meter in any one 2. Second 50,000 cubic feet to a single con-

sumer through a single meter in any one 3. All over 100,000 cubic feet to a single consumer through a single meter in any one

All bills are due and payable at the COMPANY'S OF-FICE on or before ten days after rendering of same. For failure to pay bills within the allotted time a penalty of 5 cents per 1,000 cubic feet will be added to the respective rates named

The company desires prompt settlement of gas bills and does not want to collect the penalty. Consumers are urged to pay bills promptly and thus save 5 cents per 1,000 cubic feet on their gas. No exceptions will be made to the rule regarding the penalty.

The January bills will be prorated between the 60-Port Arthur was Russia's challenge to the world; cent and the 55-cent rate according to the number of days in each month within the period covered by the

Indianapolis has enjoyed the lowest artificial gas rate in the United States since April, 1909. The foregoing schedule makes another notable reduction and will enable consumers to find new and more economical uses for gas. The appliance department is prepared to assist consumers in taking advantage of their remarkable

Approved by the Public Service Commission of Iniana December 20, 1913. CITIZENS GAS COMPANY.

Originators of 55-Cent Gas.
Office Majestic Building, 49 South Pennsylvania St.

PRINTING OFFICE CONDITIONS.

It is important that there should be conclusive determination whether the spirit of the civil service law is being persistently violated in the Washington departments of the Government. Surely it would change of political parties was begun the new attitude

attitude toward the civil service. When the Taft Ad- rive before the 25th. If not, then he ministration undertook the business of casting the is a fiend incarnate. It is about three civil service blanket of protection over the whole next Christmas. Think of suffering the politically-chosen array of minor officers, thousands and thousands of them, through the Executive proclamations for which the law provides, it was in effect Yours in anguish. an invitation to the undoing of the spirit and intent of the law. That sort of excess was certain to drive other political party to extremes in the other direction, whenever it should return to power. It is now in power, and such conditions as are now under inquiry in the Government Printing Office are by no means exceptional. The laws are being loosened up, in order that places may be found for people with good Democratic backing, quite regardless of the in trying to get for this country the better currency spirit of the merit system. Getting the job is the first

Such a presentation as that made by the Printing was comparing Ex-President's bulk and Office list of promotions and demotions yesterday is Seybold, when he was very property renot lightly to be passed over. The Times is not able view to use in connection with efforts to inaugurate that Afghanistan is closed to foreigners, If the currency act were a great deal worse than a Congressional inquiry. If it is true that changes in and that death is the penalty for intruit is it would now be up to everybody in the United the office have been going on for months past, all, or sion into the Emir's domains, again

as the currency was. If we could do so well with in Washington, who have made themselves permasuch a sorry system we ought to do a great deal better nent figures in the community, have acquired homes. with a superior measure. We can do it if we get on and assumed that their careers here were as permathe job, and the thing to do is for every American nent and assured as the law seemed to make them. No more serious blow could be struck at the com-The country wants to do business, the country munity than to fill these civil service people with mis- in Afghanistan more than offsets all accepts the new banking and currency machinery as givings as to their future. If they are not to be asshiftings of political populations will take place in the departments in the next three years. The pressure upon Congress, and through Congress down to the executive officers, is something tremendous. It The Citizens' Gas Company of Indianapolis pro- will be irresistible unless bulwarks are set up against

It may for a brief time be easy enough for minor authorities to make shifts and changes for purely beginning January I, will charge from 40 to 55 cents. political reasons; but in the long run it will be found depending on the amounts consumed through a single that the thing will surely bring down a scandal. The dered by the Carabaos, we had better country will not permit any wide deviation from the merit system. President Wilson has been a devoted winower's WEEDS AND OTHER Authorities in making and solling gas testify that civil service reformer throughout his public life, and se is not. Washington ought to have gas substan- it is not to be assumed that he will willingly submit to such assaults on the merit program as are now On Christmas Day the Citizens' company at In- charged, not only in the Printing Office, but in many

the merit system is appealed to in an insistent fashion.

YOU'RE NEXT!



THE SILVER LINING

EDITED BY ARTHUR BAER.

HERE IS AN AWFUL MESS. Dear Editor—I have just received to be promptly hit it with a name, and build marked DO NOT OPEN UNTIL bundle marked DO NOT OPEN UNTIL when it falled to explode, my worst the confidence of the giver, and still their milk."

That can't be done, answered another, a leading official of the local wishing to derive the benefit from the perfector. After giving the Perfectors. hundred and sixty something days to

I have thrown myself upon the judgment of the readers of your column

PHYA PRABHAKARANONGA. Oh no! That's not what you think He is the new minister from Siam. . We fail to pronounce it.

We dare not denounce it. We cannot renounce it Would bring on war's struggle,

And by the great Hornswoggle We'd rue it. BLADENSBURG.

NOT TO BE SPOKEN OF IN THE SAME BREADTH- .

Worse names we would juggle,

At a fanning bee the other evening in Herr Gerstenberg's, Rabid Rudolph displacement with that of good old Sox

United States Consul Baker's report "Sphinx" says that all foreigners are

welcome at Lanham, no passport is resentatives insures perfect quiet at all Besides, says "Sphinx" the difference

in carfare would mean a saving every ional debt, and nobody wants to live in Afghanistan nohow. However, to the lay mind, the fact

the advantages that "Sphinx" claims for Lanham, and throws the balance the other way. We pause for reply.

While pausing, we consider it wise keep away from Central Market.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE APOLOGIZE TO ANYBODY. Yesterday's unfortunate bull can nev occur again. That is we hope not

miscreant who changes our copy. It should have appeared thusly--"Mr. Johnson's speech was DEEMED to be one of the etc., etc." Not "Mr. Johnson's speech was

XMAS CIGARS.

the mail the other day, and at first

fectos were Imperfectos. Up to date I have smoke fifty-one of the imperfect Per-

box, but I tried to smoke one Perfecto twice, thus making a grand total of fifty-one. How are they wearing their cigar

Have tried every style Worn 'en loosely in the face with a sort of Engishly aspect so much affected nowa-Have grappled 'em up in the and left 'em wave carelessly around my features. I've puffed on them so terrifically that my eyes have been drawn deep in my head, by the vacuum created by the pressure.

Have at last given up hope of eve getting any nutrition from the Imper fectos, and would like to exchange with any of your readers who desire som perfect Imperfectos, or imperfect Per

All the cigars are in good condition each one having been only used once Some of them are slightly unravelled o edges, but can easily be darned. Would like in exchange a cornet, as think I have had enough practice o the cigars to play one very well.

have a good bouquet, and are well broken in. In closing would say that gift cigars by any other name would smell as sweet.

EL SPUGO.

Vindicated.

7 OU'LL have to pay for that little boy," said the conductor on a Michigan Cen-"Have you never had to buy a ticket for him?"
"No, I have not, and I will not begin

You will have to pay his fare this "Stop the train and put you like. He's not my little boy. I never saw him before."—Detroit News.

What's on the Program in Washington Today

Meetings, evening. Masonic-Knight Templar, Commandery, No. 1. Odd Fellows-Eastern, No. 7. Red Mcn-Osceola Tribe, No. 19, Tenley

town; Seltese Tribe, No. 18. Tenley-Pocahontas — White Eagle Council, No. 4. Amusements. National-"The Will" and 'The Tyranny

of Tears." 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. "Little Light (Lucita)," by "Traffic in Souls," 2

GOOD STORIES

OME of the leading ladies of the Glen Ellyn, one of Chicago's suburbs over in Du Page Dear Editor—I have just received a undle marked DO NOT OPEN UNTIL promptly hit it with a hammer, and "I believe we should compel all the confidence of the giver and still fears were realized." I sent to a dairy which sells milk here and found all the cows in the barn. I asked the man why he didn't turn the cows out to pasture. He said they had no pasture so early in the spring.

"So, you see, ladies, it is impossible to pasture the ladies, it is impossible." "So, you see, ladies, it is impossible to pasture the cows during a great part of the year and consequently we ot have pasteurized milk all round."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Adding Insult to Injury.

FTER a recent railway colli in the Midlands a Scotsman was extricated from the wreck

"Never mind, Sandy." his resc marked; "it's nothing serious, ou'll get damages for it." "Damages!" roared Sandy. "Have not had enough o' them? It's repairs I'm seeking the noo!"-Boston

A Natural Mistake.

OR four entire hours had the lady remained in the shop. had visited every department and worried the majority of the alesmen without spending a penny.

Toward the close of the afternoon of

'Madam," he asked sweetly, "are you shopping here?"
The lady looked surprised, but not by iny means annoyed.
"Certainly," she replied, "what else should I be doing?" ent the salesman hesitated, hen blurted out: "Well, madam you might be taking an inventory."

Then the lady melted away among the shadows by the door.—National Food

Some New Books

"When Mother Reads to Us," and "Sunny Hour Story Book," published by the Platt & Peck Company, New York, are two volumes of short stories for the little folks, by Ruth Crossley, interestingly told in a language that the child will understand. All children are fond of pictures, and these stories, with their many colored .illustrations, unloubtedly will delight the youngster and immediately find a prominent place in the children's Christmas library.

"The Goody-Naught Book," by Sarah Cory Rippey, just published by Rand, McNally & Company, New York, is as sparkling a novelty as has appeared in any juvenile list in a long time. Half of the book is made up of eight stories about good boys and girls.

On turning the book upside down, the

ense preachy.

Each story is attractively illustrated

Twenty Gems of American Humor

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19.—IN WASHINGTON; by Louise May Alcott.

Some Little Causes of **Great Wars**

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28-A Frontier Rumor That Led to an Indian War.

folk had been killed by Indiana. Such calamity rumors were rife on the frontier in those days, when peril was ever near at hand and when all local news-true or false-had to go through the wilderness by word of

some of the more lawless of the settlers to fury. A band of was believed, by Col. Michael Cresap, set forth on a mission of reven And the redskin whom they sought to punish for the suppo the one Indian who had ever been the white men's most loyal friend.

They swooped down upon the dwelling of Logan. And they m all the members of his household they could find. Logan's love for the white men was thus turned in an ins less hate. He sent out the war call among his tribesmen. They and warriors from other tribes flocked to his aid. For months the frontier was

Logan followed the terrible war creed of his race. For while he can met his foes in fair fight, yet he attacked with equal eagerness any de-fenseless farm or settlement. In the course of the brief war he himself took thirty scalps, and his braves ravaged the frontier for many miles in every

Great Kanawha's source. There, in the autumn of 1771, some fifteen themselves opposed by foes who understood the trickery of forest warfs well as did they themselves. These Virginia men were crack shots were foresters from birth, and they knew every point in the

came of Indian fighting Logan's red army was utterly rooted. The spirit of fight out of them by their fearful defeat, and they sued for peace. But Logan would not join in the plea. He held him to seek forgiveness from the race that had wantoniy killed his dear ones. To the governor of Virginia he sent the stirring message that for a centhereafter was declaimed in a thousand schoolrooms. This message, b

Revenge and Ruin. "I appeal to any white man to say if ever he entered Logan's cabin nungry and he gave him not meat; if ever he came cold and naked and he clothed him not. Such was my love for the whites. . . Colonel Cresap. the last spring, in cold blood and unprovoked, murdered all the relation of Logan, not even sparing any women and children. There runs not a

"This called on me for vengeance. I have sought it; I have killed many; I have glutted my vengeance. . . Logan never felt fear. He will not turn on his heel to save his life. Who is there to mourn for Logan? Not one!" Lonely, heartbroken, the old chief turned to drink for co white men having wrecked his life, it remained only for the white men's liquor to wreck his spirit. In a fit of drunken rage, during the

through the forests. A party of his own tribesmen followed to explain that his wife lived and to bring him back. Logan, finding himself pursued, believed the law was after him. He turned and attacked his pursuers. In the struggle which foll one of the friendly persons-Logan's own nephew-was forced to kill his

HITS FROM SHARP WITS

A celebrated music teacher says every man has eight notes in his voice. It is to be hoped they don't all fall due at Appeal.

need to wear glasses to read a saper can see a slit shirt a block